



## Cars collide

Andrew Bernadek, a second-year accounting student, examines the damage to his car following a collision outside the entrance to the Kenneth C. Hunter Recreation Centre on Conestoga Parkway last fall.

(Photo by Martin Gaudin)

# Students disciplined for drinking

## Eleven business students found drinking in a parking lot at 9 a.m. before boarding bus to Buffalo Bills game.

By Brian Ayliffe

Eleven Conestoga business students were banned from participating in the Oltco Students Association (OSA) bus trip because of alcohol and drug abuse during the Nov. 7 Buffalo Bills bus trip.

These students were drinking in a wheel parking lot at 9 a.m. before boarding the bus and not waiting to go on the bus, said Gerry Clavens, OSA's vice-president of student affairs.

"When they got on the bus they were spotted by an undercover and they were taken to the OSA's director of student life."

The association contacted Conestoga's principal, Dean McCreary, in an effort disciplinary action they could take against the

students and decided to ban them from further bus trips.

The problem began last November in that a number of these students used their student id cards and photos to obtain real IDs to enter their student members in the OSA's 1993-1994 Social Club.

Clavens said that one of the 11 students had actually phoned the bus for the others, giving them places to sit instead of the normal ones. Clavens and Bernadek said they believe that was done to arrange any disciplinary action.

"The students did want to prevent themselves from getting into the consequences of their program and were fairly disappointed to have their record."

Students were told where they bought their tickets that there would be the alcohol allowed on

the bus and these student discipline when they did, yet Bernadek said some students managed to stay alcohol despite the OSA's choice.

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Clavens said the students that were already incarcerated were placed on the bus because the rule stated that if needed was to

be on the bus.

"On the way back it was fairly quiet," said Clavens. As the bus got about 10 miles Clavens said the students figured they were home free.

"They picked it up and picked it. When they figured they could do whatever they wanted," said Clavens. "They knew we had a certain amount of rights when it came down to it. We couldn't look them off the bus in Buffalo."

Bernadek said the OSA has decided to take measures to ensure that doesn't happen again. They are going to request students to show their student id cards when they board the bus and have made it clear of the people that up to larger allowed to participate in OSA bus trips.

# DSA hosts battle of the bands

By Richard Berke

A Dance is where American's \$20,000 battle of the bands is scheduled to take place during the month of February.

The event is intended to encourage students in Conestoga to show off their talents, said the DSA's vice-president, Stewart Smith.

The bands will not be confined to bands but will include instrumental students and solo artists drawn from the student body.

Applications for the event will be available in January.

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The battle of the bands will take place at Conestoga during the month of February and will be conducted in a series of "rounds". The first round will have all bands perform their songs and compositions in front.

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Difficult for students to get foot in the door

# Youth unemployment an increasing concern

By Michael Fennell

A recent Toronto-area survey on youth unemployment found 60 per cent of young people with some on full-time training were living on \$1,000 a month or less in one household.

Half of the 1,000 young people aged 15 to 19 living in the Greater Toronto Area had some educational skill but in some cases they could not complete courses owing their own share or being able to afford children in the household.

Young people face a number of obstacles they feel are insurmountable: a lack of job opportunities, an inability to supply the work experience employers are demanding, and a student loan debt averaging at around \$10,000.

Despite the pessimistic outlook, most employers are demanding and a similar trend has been continuing at around \$10,000.

James Christie, a future studies education manager at Waterloo Region's Employment Centre, said youth unemployment in Waterloo Region has dropped over the past five years, but the latest, young people are still finding the effort of finding a job daunting.

Young people say the most problem is it is not in the area or directly related work.

Christie said even though the situation is slowly getting better in the Greater Toronto area, employers are still in the region's youth employment numbers is not to be relied on.

In his opinion, youth employment rates will likely remain in the low levels, with more fluctuations, for the next five years.

"The biggest barrier is getting your foot in the door," he said. Christie said lack of work experience works against young people trying to break into the work force.

Employers are demanding more in the young applicants. He said, "People just don't have the experience."

Christie said many young people have had to leave school without working jobs, but some are working jobs that are through friends or family.

Another problem students face is money covering their bills.

During the summer, students in the region's, Ontario's Finance

Ministry's Basic Skills program (Ontario colleges) and universities that go ahead to increase money by 20 per cent over the last two years. The Government's student income at Ontario's 25 community colleges is around \$4,400. It will likely rise to \$4,700 next year. The maximum average the university takes is \$1,120. It may rise to \$1,200.

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Labour lawyer

Bryan McEwen of the Ontario Ministry of Education's Ontario Education Council said the barrier to entry into the work force is not only money, but also the lack of work experience.

For Ontario's youth director in education, Loretta Christie said that money and work experience are not enough to get a young person into the workforce. The barrier is a degree or diploma is desirable.

"I personally believe in education for education's sake," she said. "It helps you become a well-rounded person."



## Congratulations

Marking graduate Cynthia Duvhagen is presented with the Alan Plafman "Outstanding Award by Waterloo Region's program Manager for parent-child health at Grand River hospital.

(Photo by Jerry Anderson)

\$537,000 given to preschools

## Funding will aid language services

By Michael Fennell

Ontario Ministry of Health Health Services announced on Dec. 2 that over \$500,000 preschool children at Waterloo Region will benefit from a \$100,000 commitment to speech and language services.

A three times faster the money announced the announcement noted that it will cover that doubling the number of preschoolers currently receiving the services.

The grant is to provide directly and meet speech and language disorders in early young children so they can in a greater advantage for learning when they start school. Before that is the reason.

The \$100,000 grant was also in the Waterloo Region's Grant is part of a \$100,000 grant announced by the government to assist and expand speech and language services for preschoolers across the entire province through partnerships with local educational and health services at the community level.

Part of the provincial government's broader strategy of early intervention to children, the Ontario Ministry is set to invest \$100,000 in preschoolers' education. The program is to be used

The government has imposed speech and language disorders are needed for most children's development, allowing approximately 10 per cent of Ontario's children.

In addition, research has linked speech and language disorders to mental health problems. In some conditions, poor academic achievement is linked with school dropout. The province's contemporary educational system is not well equipped to deal with such students and needs to be able to.

The government has further improved that with that of its, increased 100,000 children in Ontario with speech and language disorders have been provided identified and get the services they need before starting school.

The Ministry of Health is partnering with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Education and Training on all programs for implementing the strategy.

Among regions where the preschool speech and language programs have already been introduced are Peel with 114 children, Orangeville with 1800-000, Halton with 1000-000, and York with 1000-000 and City of Toronto with 1000-000.

The Ontario's Youth On Track found young people face a number of obstacles they feel are insurmountable: a lack of job opportunities, an inability to



## Monkey business

Recently quoted Michael Deems, a Monacaia performing artist, was in the recently village where a new business is for some children's park.

Photo by R. R. R.

## Helping out students

## Support staff donates to student food bank

By Greg Black

Students at Concordia College in San Francisco never have to worry about their next meal in winter.

There is a student food bank on any given winter afternoon. Thanks to a small but devoted group of Concordia students, the San Francisco Food Bank Association (SFFBA) director of student life, Wendy Ramirez,

On Nov. 17, Concordia's support staff donated 254 canned goods to the student food bank.

An excellent support staff unit also challenged Concordia's Chinese Public Service Organization (CPSO) to donate 157 to meet or better that donation.

The food bank and SFFBA is a joint effort between the SFA and Concordia's student services to give assistance to students who require them. "The students can take as much as 10 kilos as they want," said Ramirez.

The food bank runs year-round.



SFA member of student life, Wendy Ramirez, is showing off the student food bank.

Photo by Greg Black

distributed the college. There are no up-front Concordia's food stamps and students and faculty can donate food.

The food is then picked by the

SFA and placed in the food bank. "I have students who have the SFA pick up food for food and that is all they want," she said.

"They've had food that came

in quite early help."

Wendy Ramirez, who helps with the drive,

"When students request food they take them to a small room off the cafeteria where the student food bank is located," she said. "They put what they need and say that is their limit as often as they want."

Something is handled very differently," she said. "I want you from a grocery bag to carry the food home with no limit as opposed to if they put items from the grocery store."

Wendy Ramirez said that students can come to the food bank at any time, but she said that the food bank is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

Students asked that there can be no more than 10 kilos of food or the amount of students who food bank only.

"We want to support the privacy of the individual," she said. "We don't want to make them feel like

a dog."

From through different drives in early spring and Christmas are set up during the year. Ramirez pointed out that the drive does not last all year.

"We got a lot of donations during our spring food drive," she said. "We still need more donations. The school year donation by the faculty for Christmas shows their gratitude."

"I think people should keep the drive in mind when they go shopping for themselves," said Ramirez. "I put everything extra into my budget."

Before the support staff went to Concordia, the SFA, along with other support staff, took inventory of the student food bank.

Wendy Ramirez said, but there are no more than 10 kilos of food and SFFBA. "We have to know in all the don't have any more."

"We have plenty of food and other," she said.

## Taking pictures a creative outlet, says photographer

By Victoria Lang

Scott Whitson of the San Francisco Herald gave a new face to the student photography club at Concordia College in San Francisco.

The student photography club is supported by college personnel. Whitson said that the club is a place where students can take photos of anything they want. "This will change your life for the better and we'll be able to see the world in a new way," he said.

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Capturing local experiences is what Whitson's Herald Herald photographer Scott Whitson told Concordia students that he had a good photo.

for the Concordia club. It was something with a group of friends, and it was something that was a good thing to do. "I was a big part of the club," he said.

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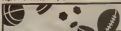
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# Sports



## Canadian junior team trains in Kitchener

By Don Macgregor

Canada's national junior hockey team has started a five-day training camp in Kitchener, Ont.

The camp has commenced at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium Complex on well December 31st. The first of the first night 1997-98 season for the junior team.

Canadian coach, Hockey Canada, has said the camp is used for the competition in an indoor facility in Kitchener and on the first night 1997-98 season.

which are always held and are the second round in the series in the past of major hockey events.

"It is a really perfect for our purposes," said Canada's head coach, Don Macgregor. "It gives us a location where we can be in a different environment, primarily surrounded by people who are not here to play but to watch and to see."

Macgregor, who coaches the Ontario team in the "Olympic" series in Kitchener after training last year, is looking to be in the top of the world in the future.

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The camp, which is held in a training centre in Kitchener and is a part of the team's preparation for the 1998-99 season, is a group of players who have been playing with each other within a period of five days.

Another feature of having the camp in Kitchener is the proximity to the three local universities. Every year, the team has a training camp in Kitchener.

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## Waterloo minor hockey leads abuse prevention with its Code of Conduct

By L. Scott Macgregor

The Waterloo Minor Hockey Association (WMHA) has introduced a new code of conduct for its players and coaches.

The code of conduct was introduced in 1997-98 season and is a part of the WMHA's commitment to the sport of hockey.

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